

January 4, 1890 Driving Association dated for summer meeting.

H.B. Taylor of Bryan, Ohio, is to locate here. He is bringing a fine \$600 filley for J.E. Lewis and T.A. Beach.

The Ren Dominys have been married 25 years.

Nellie Lewis went to Chicago with her father.

Mr. & Mrs. P.C. James attended a party in Washington, Ill.

January 11, 1890 Katz's sixty day closing out sale.

Chase and Sanborn have issued an elegant art album of 24 beautiful photographs of tea and coffee culture: Walton Bros.

As Others See Us

Fairbury is a rapidly approaching the old times when it was a bitter fight between the east and west ends. This time it is a racket on the whiskey question. The town council has instituted suits against a druggist for selling liquor and it is said as a retaliation the whiskeyites have enough cases of illegal sales of tobacco to boys against members of the town council to amount to over \$1000. It looks like it would develop into a regular Kilkeny cat fight.

Free Trader

January 18, 1890 Lutie McDowell has a fine \$1000 Steinway, a New Year's gift from her father, I.P.

January 25, 1890 R.C. Huntoon has returned home from his trip to Pacific coast.

February 1, 1890 R.C. Huntoon is prepared to execute signs on wood, glass, metal, and clothe, of every style and price.

Dr. H.B. Bull and Miss Julia Hempstead married.

February 8, 1890 Ed Scibird, in Colorado Springs, has another baby boy.

Frib Filley entertained ten lady friends at tea.

Mr. & Mrs. H.B. Taylor arrived in their new home.

The Misses Sullivant, of Sibley, Ill., are visiting friends in Fairbury.

J.E. and Dr. G.C. Lewis entertained their nephew, W.H. Lewis, part of this week. The latter gentleman is attending the Chicago Vetinary College.

The Fairbury Driving Association meeting is to offer \$3000, and a committee has been selected to make out the speed list.

Carnival costumes: Frib Filley represented R.C. Straight, and wore navy blue. Her hat was decorated with grain and fancy grass, ears of corn, etc, and fastened with light blue ribbons. She carried a large fan with black lettering. Beach and Dominy was represented by Jessie Dominy in black silk and lace ornamented with paper money and gold coins. The Blade had Nettie Lough in a pink costume with side panels formed of copies of the Blade. The front was decorated with specimens of job printing. Her boa and hat trimmings were of fringed paper. J.E. Lewis was represented by his wife. She wore pink with a black velvet front panel. The sides were decorated with fancy groceries. Her headdress was of cabbage leaves and cranberries. J.E. traveled for Sprague Warner of Chicago. Dr. Rayburn's representative was Lutie McDowell. She wore a hairpin with the head of a tooth with a gold crown. Her dress decorations were professional instruments, tooth brushes, etc., and she wore a necklace and bracelets of artificial teeth.

March 29, 1890 Some of the young boys about town made themselves obnoxious at the Free Methodist Church on the evening of the 19th. They were drunk at the time, which fact may furnish a clue as to what became of the wine that was stolen from a cellar of a German citizen about that time. Complaint was made against two of the boys, one of whom came up for trial, but the prosecution dropped the case and had states warrants issued for the two, one of them made his appearance before Justice Zimmerman, pleaded guilty, and was fined \$5 and costs. The fine was paid by Thomas Smith, and the boy went out to the farm with him and will work it out. The other has not yet put in an appearance. There are a number of youngsters about town of ages ranging from 10 or 12 years on upwards, who are in a fair way to land in the reform school, if not in the penitentiary, at an early day.

April 5, 1890 Perchon colt sold for \$1,300 to a farmer.

Jerome Odell and wife will move to Chicago, with their sons, Levi, Charles and Jerome Jr. He resigned from Kingman & Co. of Peoria. His salary had been \$2500.

(Story running, by Jules Verne: "Topsy Turvey")

April 12, 1890 Lu McDowell began teaching at the Strawn School.

April 19, 1890 H.B. Taylor received a fine blooded roadster stallion from the east this week. It is a fine animal and is being admired by the horse fanciers.

Beer's Grocery.

R.C. Huntoon makes a finer crayon portrait cheaper than any agent can furnish it. He is prepared to teach his new method of crayon portraiture to classes anywhere in Illinois. Huntoon is only artist in the country that makes crayon, Indian Ink or water color portraits.

May 3, 1890 The saloon buildings of the village are being put in order to comply with the specifications of the new village ordinance.

May 10, 1890 The bicycle craze is spreading in Fairbury.

C. Irion is shipping his stock to Louisville, Ky. and is closing out.

May 24, 1890 Dr. & Mrs. Lewis departed fro Millersburg, Ohio for week's visit.

The ladies of the ME Church will hold a strawberry and ice cream social at the residence of P.C. James on next week, the public generally is invited.

May 31, 1890 T.A. Beach, president of the Fairbury Driving Association, was taking an airing in a cart behind his famous thoroughbred roadster mare. As he was turning Walton's Elevator corner a farm wagon frightened the mare, who upset the cart and ran away. The farmer yelled "Whoa!" and stopped her. Beach had a few bruises and a badly busted road cart.

June 7, 1890 Mrs. J.E. Lewis is driving a very pretty new open buggy.

The Driving Association has about completed the improvements on the Fair Ground track.

June 21, 1890 Miss Grace Sharp and Miss Stella Straight arrived home from Oxford, Ohio.

Wedding of Grant McDowell and Jennie Dominy. ("Glare of the gas lights.")

June 28, 1890 P.C. James received a car load of good looking ponies from the Indian Territory Sunday.

City water supply shortage.

Protest about slaughter house smells south of town.

July 5, 1890 Postmaster Robinson.

Adda and Lu McDowell with their father O.P. went to Ogden to make their home.

Slaughter house cleaned up.

Fourth of July procession goes from Livingston Square to Taylor's Grove.

(DuBois, Publisher)

July 12, 1890 City fire bell, fifteen years old, has cracked. They will have to have a new one.

The Glorious Fourth: Fairbury's celebration of 1890 was the grandest in the history of the village. Thousands invaded the place, and were agreeable entertained. A Gala Day. The speaker, Hon. Stephen A. Douglas was the chief attraction of the day. Hon. H.H. McDowell also spoke.

Freight House fire.

July 19, 1890 A.J.P. Cook funeral. He is the undertaker of Cook Bros. The body was taken to Lenox, Mass., and was received in perfect condition in spite of the warm weather. Mr. Cook is justly proud.

Archer House sold.

July 26, 1890 Frank Churchill has purchased Walton's Grain Elevator.

John Virgin is a member of the Committee from the State Fair to choose the site for the World's Fair. The State Board is opposed to the Lake Front as a site. They want Illinois Agriculture fairly represented.

August 2, 1890 R.C. Huntoon is agent for the Odell typewriter.

Grace Sharp is Assistant Principal at Belvedere, Ohio High School.

August 13, 1890 Four arc lights of 2000 candle power each, at intervals on Main Street, and 60 to 70 incandescent lamps of 20 candle power are to be distributed about town. H.A. Foster is the contractor.

August 16, 1890 Dr. Brewer now specializes in Women's diseases.

Penny handkerchiefs at Walton's.

Steel car works meeting in Dr. Lewis' office. They will locate here if the citizens will raise \$100,000 in cash.

August 23, 1890 John Cook was called to Forrest. He is deservedly earning a wide reputation as an embalmer.

H.A. Foster is making a map of Fairbury for the electric lights.

Boys

The victim was a German widow lady and her daughter named Nohl. Living in the farthest corner of the south east part of town. It began four weeks ago when they stole the harness from her barn and all her chickens, and left a note on the fence saying that they would come back and take everything she had. They stole or destroyed all her fruit and vegetables, including an acre of corn, they cut down her grape vines and berry bushes. Everything out of doors was laid waste. They assaulted a German boy and nearly killed him, but he managed to crawl to the Nohl house for aid. There were from five to a dozen boys in the gang. And one of them was a Bell boy.

August 30, 1890 The new ditch on the North side of town is worth \$10,000 to the property owners.

Charles Bradley successor to C.L. Perlee, East End.

September 7, 1890 Close of Fair Week

George Franzen has been having great luck playing the Chicago races.

Natural gas gusher near Washington, Illinois.

Girl jailed Tuesday. \$10.00 fine.

Virgin's "12,000 Draft Team" at Des Moines is attracting great attention.

September 13, 1890 Oscar Filley of Nebraska will go to Fairbury High School this year. He is staying with his uncle, A.F. Filley.

There are several street crossings about town that are sadly in need of repair. They are dangerous unless they are fixed. The village is liable to have a damage suit on its hands most any day.

A.B. Claudon bought the Ramsey building for a brokerage and collection business.

Mr. Beach is fitting up the corner room under the Opera House for Mr. Bradley.

September 20, 1890 A.F. Filley has sold 300 bushels of seed wheat for fall plowing in this vicinity. He has sown a 25 acre patch himself, as have also John Virgin 20 acres and J.W. McDowell 20 acres in the same vicinity. Mr. Filley harvested a 28 patch last year that yielded 26 bushels to the acre.

Mr. & Mrs. T.A. Beach were in Chicago the first of the week.

Pidg Wilson is a guest of the Dominy's. He is very much improved in health.

September 27, 1890 In lighting the gas jets in Walton's show windows, a clerk dropped a lighted match on the cotton in a display. The blaze was quickly put out.

October 4, 1890 Grace Stilwell is to study Music at Wesleyan.

T.A. Beach, John Worthington and M.M. Spence arrived home last Saturday night from a short trip to Nebraska. Mr. Beach says he doesn't possess the earth, but he is the owner of eight quarter sections of good land, all fenced, not far from Beatrice.

October 11, 1890 New Fire bell arrived.

October 18, 1890 Stackpole's wonderful idea for a Columbian Exposition Dome for the World's Fair. Drawings of full view and cross sections given.

October 25, 1890 Bicycle Club formed. It has a dozen members – Dr. Bull, Harry Amsbury and Oscar Filley among others. A few of the club decorated their bicycles with Chinese lanterns and made a tour around town.

November 22, 1890 Mrs. A.F. Filley went to Chicago to visit friends

November 29, 1890 Goldie Cook is the new bookkeeper for Cook Bros.

The Town Board has ruled that the saloon's can't sell cans of beer to minors. The alleys are swamped with small boys in various stages of intoxication.

December 13, 1890 The young people are skating on the ice about the old dam south of Fair Grounds.

Walter Stuckey & Jessie Robinson married.

Fire at Walton's coal mine. Four mules burned.

December 20, 1890 T.A. Beach, John Virgin, Hugh Robinson, and D.K. Unseker went to Paxton to attend the District Farmer's Institute.

December 27, 1890 John Virgin chose the site for the World's Fair and was made General superintendent for the Buildings and Grounds for the Illinois Exhibit.

Foster and McDonald both started electric light plants, McDonald locating in the Arcade Block. It looks like another war, for Foster is going to start legal proceedings.

January 3, 1891 Hazel Bane born at Waynesburg, Pa.

Mr. P.C. James received the sad news of the death of his father which occurred at his home in Missouri.

The expert electrician from Chicago is at work, and Fairbury will have lights in a short time.

Big party at Weaver's; Dr. Lewis and wife among those present.

January 10, 1891 Never rip pants at Herzbergs.

Main Street lights are on. They should be hung higher. They should also put on or two on the water tower.

January 17, 1891 A couple of worn out horses were turned out on the streets of Fairbury to die. The owners should be prosecuted.

January 31, 1891 Messers Logan and Ed Kring purchased of O.F. Avery, Administrator of the John Kring St. estate, Lots 1 and 2, of the NE corner, of section 39, in the Village of Fairbury. Consideration \$300.

February 28, 1891 An elegant fast black corset worth 84 cents only 69 cents at Charles Bradley's.

Ads: H.E. Johnson MD over Beach and Dominy's Bank. Throat and lung specialist.

Salman Allen, Real Estate.

Herbert Powell, Attorney at Law, Notary, Deeds, Leases, Wills, and carefully drawn up and collections made. Insurance agent for old and reliable companies. Both farm and town risks taken. Office over Walton Bros. Store, Fairbury, Illinois

A.G. Phelps, Real Estate

G.W. Patton, Attorney at Law.

The Perennial Circle will meet with Miss Lizzie Straight.

The members of the "Sub Rosa" Club met with Miss Frib Filley.

(TE DuBois still publisher of the Blade.)

March 7, 1891 The arc light on top of the water tower seems to please the residents of the west end of town. Nothing could be better unless it was two lamps.

Maude S cultivators at Waltons.

Lewis' Victoria handmade cigars, 5 cents.

The N.D. Fugates celebrated their 5th wedding anniversary.

There is a new Women's Christian Temperance Union column in the Blade. (The editor is not responsible for their views.) They had a meeting with Mrs. T.A. Beach. They are to have a medal contest entertainment, with Mrs. Lewis the chairman.

March 14, 1891 Bonanza corn planter sold by Swing and Steidinger

W.C.T.U. Column: Votes for Women!

Rosa Kingman is visiting Fannie DuBois.

Terpsichorean Pleasure Club organized.

Rupert Rayburn born.

More Woman's suffrage agitated.

March 28, 1891 Kangaroo calf shoes at Merit's.

"The women of Fairbury have undertaken to down the saloons at the approaching election, but they labor under the disadvantage of not being voters. If they could vote the matter would soon be settled." Lexington Review.

A.B. Claudon has started his bank in the Little Wonder saloon building at the corner of Fourth and Main.

Another new society fad has made its appearance in some localities. It is termed the "Progressive Ghost Party." The ladies, dressed as ghosts in white draperies and masks, sit about the room with a vacant chair next to each one. The gentlemen are allowed to occupy each of these chairs for the space of two minutes, enter into conversation with the lady, and then are to write a guess of the name of each masker on a card opposite her number. The point is to see who will guess the largest number correctly.

When you wish for your mail, do not stand opposite your box and pound on the number.

Santa Clause soap. Ask your grocer for it.

April 16, 1891 Kate Greenway shoes for children at Walton's

(The Blade got the Fair catalogues this time)

The fight on the saloon license question promises to be exciting.

S.E. Slaughter and G.A. Sutton have formed a partnership and bought out J.W. Beers' grocery store. He had conducted it for about 20 years.

AD: A fine lot of horses from the Cherokee nation wintered in good shape, and for sale at reasonable prices or on easy terms. Call and see them at my residence, four blocks north of the post office, Fairbury. P.C. James

April 25, 1891 See our new 25 cent and 50 cent muslin underwear: Walton's

Coentha O'Brien's tenth birthday party.

Wren McDowell born.

"Moisture Predominates": the saloons won.

Parties hauling garbage along the highways will be prosecuted. By order of the Commissioner of Highways.

W.C.T.U. suggests a saloon for women on the ground of "equal rights."

May 2, 1891 T.A. Beach and G.A. Scrivens went to Iowa Monday to buy land. They took along with them enough funds to buy up several counties, more or less.

First Kring Bros. advertisement. It is for vegetable seedlings.

Alex Milne has bought out the D.F. Smith greenhouse.

A short dry spell.

The saloons were closed Friday evening immediately after the organization of the new Board of Village Trustees. According to the law, the license year ends with the fiscal year of the Board, and the saloon keepers hadn't renewed them. All were closed instantly about 8:30 o'clock. Two or three of them hustled around Saturday morning so that they could open by 10 o'clock.

There are fourteen miles of wooden sidewalks in Fairbury. Just last year it took more than \$2000 to repair them. We need permanent walks of brick or stone.

June 16, 1891 T.A. Beach is president of the Old Settlers. They are to have a reunion at the Fair, and a log cabin is to be erected for them.

(The personals are still on the back page.)

Robert Roberts and his sister have been in the asylum for the blind.

June 13, 1891 The W.C.T.U. met with Mrs. Dr. Lewis.

Men's Rock Bottom shoes at Walton's

The contract for another ditch has been let. It is to go from First St. east on Chestnut to SE corner of town. The contract price is \$1.15 a rod.

Cherries are ripe. Alex Milne shipped 250 bushels to Chicago from his orchard.

A novelty hinge factory is wanted for Fairbury \$4000. Capital is needed.

G.Y. McDowell moved into his new house this week. P.C. James' family will occupy the house vacated by the former.

July 25, 1891 Messers. T.A. Beach, L.B. Dominy and R.C. Straight have just completed some extensive improvements upon their lots in the city cemetery, that is ahead of anything yet place there. The lots join, and the whole has been enclosed with a stone fence or coping that is, without exception, the prettiest thing of the kind to be found anywhere in this part of the state. It must be seen to be appreciated.

John Virgin met with the construction committee of the Illinois World's Fair Commission in Chicago several days this week.

August 1, 1891 Edith Mitten's 6th birthday party.

A new platform is being built at the depot.

Charlie Perlee married Miss Julia Swayzee of Peoria. The wedding took place in Milwaukee, and it was kept very quiet.

Waltons are offering \$500 to anyone finding natural gas in sufficient quantity for manufacturing purposes. Some of the exchange papers are laughing, and the Blade rises to the defense.

August 8, 1891 The first Fairbury Post Office was at the John Coomer house. He acted as post master, though he was not sworn in, and she helped to hand out the mail. Hugh McKee was the first postmaster.

Pontiac calls our Fair "the pumpkin show"

The Sherman Hotel has been done over by landlord Smith.

August 15, 1891 Fargo and Co. of Chicago, a boot and shoe mfg. firm, has been invited to locate here.

The Blade advocates a public library for Fairbury.

August 22, 1891 A Peoria architect has been called in to inspect the Opera House. A rumor is going around town that the heavy timbers in the roof lack but an inch and a half of being pulled out of the walls. This is untrue, but the balcony does need new support. "A few evil disposed individuals have been venting their spite against the owners of the building by circulating falsehoods about the building, and people should not believe everything they hear."

August 27, 1891 The street commissioners are putting in several new stone crossings.

The city water supply is still insufficient, and has been cut off.

Advertisement: "When you see Professor Montgomery's work, you'll see the broad German style of drawing with a touch of vigor of the French School. He does not pretend to be a cheap picture maker, but an artist, and a master of flittering shadows and expressions of the human face."

September 10, 1891 The electric lights have been kept going until five o'clock in the morning all week. Wade Bros. had an arc light hung in the front of their drug store.

Abe Filley is fast coming to the front as a first class wheat raiser. He got 30 bushels to the acre.

Dr D. Schrader of Ft. Madison, IA is to locate here.

Fairbury Fair Week.

A semi-circular trough to soak wheel rims in oil to keep them from shrinking is advocated. The idea is not patented. (Illustrated by Woodcut)

September 19, 1891 The coal mine is working to its fullest capacity.

Fairbury had a mass meeting to solicit funds for an artesian well.

The city fathers have purchased bricks for walks.

The stores of the city will close at 7:30 from now on instead of 8 o'clock.

A.F. Filley paid \$8 a bushel for wheat seed.

Dubois' Opera House sold.

A big write-up about Coonie Munz's sorghum works.

September 26, 1891 The sorghum works are going 24 hours a day with the rush of business.

The electric plant has broken down and it will be several days before it can be repaired. The citizens are back to kerosene, and they will really appreciate the lights when they get them again.

Ex-Prisoner's reunion of Civil War Veterans.

Another waterworks meeting.

October 3, 1891 "Don't give it away. We notice by the Fairbury Blade that the sanctum of the editor of that paper was filled up with all manner of good things last week after the Fair. That is the way it operates, you can safely bet your boots we are in favor of a Fair next year, sure." ... Dwight Star and Herald.

Frannie DuBois married Thomas Schouler. They are living in Portland, Oregon.

Fairbury is to have a new and commodious freight depot.

Fairbury had an earthquake. It made the dishes in the cupboards rattle.

Walton's have a new \$1500 funeral car. They will remodel the old one into a white one for infants and young persons. Mr. Pence will have an undertaking department unrivaled in this vicinity.

The Episcopal society of the city hoped to build a church soon.

Dr. Ostrander has so far recovered as to get out a little. He has been a very sick man.

October 16, 1891 Ben Epstein has opened a billiard hall.

Experimental brick walks have been laid on a coal slack bed.

October 24, 1891 The Fairbury Opera House Company has been formed. President, Dr. S.M. Barnes; Vice-President, W.C. Wade; Secretary, T.E. DuBois; Treasurer, L.B. Dominy; Manager, Philip Wade. The place is to be overhauled and remodeled.

The L.W. Kring foundry is very busy. He does work all over Central Illinois.

October 31, 1891 Fairbury still has its water problem.

Elisha Bastion and Miss Luella Street were married. They were attended by SG Morrison and Miss Rose Gregg.

November 7, 1891 The lightning rod racket is being played on well-to-do farmers. The contract is for \$25 a rod. Then they make the DISTANCE as long as possible.

The H.J. Ramseys have been married 15 years.

Fairbury is to have a new double brick business building, Walton's and Swing and Steidinger's.

There is a new hitching rack from Claudon's bank to Bradley's corner. It is a decided improvement, and much better than awing posts to tie the horses to. They will last longer, too.

Ed Scibird is back for a visit and to improve his health. His son had died.

November 21, 1891 A Branch library from Chicago is to be established here.

Dr. Keeley is to start an Institute at Dwight.

December 5, 1891 Al Sutton, head clerk for Walton's dry goods department, has resigned to become a corset salesman.

George Franzen left Wednesday for Washington, D.C. George is after a "job" in the House, and we understand has some influential ones backing his.

December 12, 1891 Slap at Brydia, "our fat friend", of the Local Record, over patent medicine ads. The Blade won't have "em.

John Vail, father of Frank, is very ill. He was putting ice down cellar when the barrel slipped and crushed the right big toe. He dressed the injury himself, and gangrene set in. Dr Lewis was called, and amputated.

Work has begun on the freight depot.

Books for the reading room have been received from the Public Library in Chicago.

Blanket your horse against the cold.

Natural gas has been found at Odell.

The Avoca ME Church has been dedicated.

A.F. Filley departed for Pontiac, Michigan, from which point he will make a trip into Canada. He took along a couple of fat looking grips, which looks as though he intended staying some time. Wonder if he has been "bootling"?

January 2, 1892 Harry Bartlett has bought Charles Bradley's \$5000 diamond.

Bradley's Mammoth Dry Goods Store has failed heavily.

January 9, 1892 Fairbury's hotels are full to overflowing with Bradley's creditors.

Beach & Dominy won first prize on corn at the Farmer's Institute.

January 16, 1892 Plympton bough out Bradley – 90 cents on the dollar.

February 6, 1892 T.A. Beach is Supt. of Grounds for the Fair. They are planning next year's Fair.

The Chicago and St. Louis Electric Railroad will run 100 miles an hours.

N.E. Fulton has gone into the real estate business, and has entered a partnership in Saunemin.

A Centenarian
(A very nice article) Excerpts:

Grandma Wray is 100 years old. Five generations were present on that day. Garland Wray her oldest son, 76 was present. "All are stout, healthy people". "A big feast was spread", and old friends called to pay their respects. "She apparently has no thought or fear of death."

February 13, 1892 T.A. Beach is on the Fair Printing Committee.

Doctor Ostrander has sold his residence to Thomas Chapman.

March 12, 1892 The Electric Railroad is now being surveyed to go through Fairbury.

March 19, 1892 The frame of Dr. Ostrander's new house is up and is being rapidly enclosed. Brownson and Waggoner are the builders.

March 26, 1892 They are now drilling for water day and night. They have gone through two veins of coal, and struck a very hard strata of rock at 365 or 370 feet.

The Electric Railroad engineer is here to sound out civic interest in the project.

April 30, 1892 The value of property has increased two fold in the past year.

Vandals broke every pane of glass in one of the buildings of the Arcade Block.

May 14, 1892 The town hall was wired this week, and hereafter the electric light will be kept burning in the building all night. The hose room is well lighted so that the firemen can see to handle their carts expeditiously at night.

June 18, 1892 D.A. Fraley publisher of the Blade now.

DuBois' farewell editorial.

The ME parsonage was sold for \$221. Mrs. Mary Haverty being the purchaser.

The City Laundry does first class work.

Cornish Lumber Company at the west end.

N.E. Fulton has accepted a position on the "News" at Sheldon, Ill. and left for that place Monday night. Newt is a good printer and a nice young fellow, and we heartily recommend him to the people of Sheldon and vicinity.

T.E. DuBois left Thursday night with his family to engage in the bakery business.

Charlie Sims bought Merti's shoe store.

June 25, 1892 Mass meeting for the proposed electric railway from Chicago to St. Louis.

July 2, 1892 Perlee Bros. Produce House

Will Bane's house is almost done.

Among those of our people at the World's Fair this week were Mr. T.A. Beach & Wife and Mrs. G.C. Lewis.

John Virgin is a member of the State Board of Agriculture (Fair).

The corner stone of St. Mathias' Church is to be laid.

July 16, 1892 The Fairbury Excelsior Band

July 23, 1892 George Franzen is running for Circuit Clerk.

July 30, 1892 Franzen defeated.

J.A. & C.H. Odell of Chicago are going to Europe for the Odell Typewriter Company. They are to be gone for several months.

August 20, 1892 Monday last was a bad day for female aeronauts. The one at Cullom fell about 200 feet, sustaining serious injuries, while the one at Chatsworth, seeing that the balloon was collapsing, let loose and landed in a tree top, escaping with a few bruises.

August 27, 1892 George Franzen is traveling, advertising the Fairbury Fair.

They had a surprise housewarming for Dr. Ostrander's new home.

September 3, 1892 Clean up the streets of garbage and such before the Fair.

Ads: Every little girl should have a pair of red shoes for the Fair – Walton's.

September 10, 1892 A brick sidewalk has been laid on Maple Street between Sixth and Seventh Streets.

Henry Foster married Ida Peart of Braidwood, Illinois

President T.A. Beach is doing fine by the Fair.

October 1, 1892 They had a Poverty Social at the Presbyterian Church. A pair of socks was awarded to the worst looking man.

Dedication of St. Matthias Episcopal Church

October 15, 1892 The Chataqua Circle was formed at Jessie Dominy's.

The city officials are having an engine house built over the artesian well, and are installing a new steam pump.

Stanley Perlee married Luella Baughman.

Mr. Mundt married Ida Beers for his second wife.

Weaver Bros. have sold out to Dominy and Powell.

The Epworth League is to give a Lemon Squeeze at Maple's Hall.

Menu

Lemonade – Lemon wafers
Potatoes Hotel de Maitre
Lemon Charlotte Russe – Lemon Jelly
Lemon Carmel Cake – Lemon Pie
Lemon Jelly Cake – Meats
Celery – Pickles – Slaw
Lemon Ice 10 cents extra
A program will be given.

October 22, 1892 Duckett-Stilwell marriage. He was a druggist at Forrest.

T.A. Beach and wife returned the first of the week from an extended visit in Ohio.

Plympton's store was under the Opera House.

Perry Keck set himself afire from a bonfire.

October 29, 1892 N.E. Fulton is now foreman of the Local Record of Fairbury.

November 5, 1892 The New Sherman House changed hands this week. Charlie Archer is retiring, and George Archer is again assuming the role of landlord.

November 12, 1892 Ad: Deitz's junk yard opposite the water works.

November 19, 1892 Stella Keck born.

(Even the printing is bad. The Blade surely has slumped)

November 26, 1892 The front page is filled with politics.

December 10, 1892 George Franzen is now Deputy Circuit Clerk

December 31, 1892 The Alex Milne Family are solely afflicted. Five children have died.

January 21, 1893 The whistle at the electric light plant stuck and tooted long and loud. Most People thought it was an alarm of some sort.

February 4, 1893 H Schnetzler, contractor and builder. Shop in Arcade Block.

February 11, 1893

Five Generations

Last Saturday marked the 101st birthday of Eleizabeth Ray of this city, and the venerable lady seems as young and sprightly as she did many years ago, and bids fair to enjoy life for many years. She employs her time knitting, sewing and reading, and can see to thread a fine needle and do many things which are remarkable for one of such advanced age. She has lived to see five generations grow up, consisting of her daughter, Mrs. R.G. Crouch, her granddaughter, Mrs. A.F. Filley, her great-granddaughter, Mrs. P.C. James, and her great great grandchildren.

A hunting party from Pontiac last fall went home richer by two boats and a hundred decoys, and made no bones of saying they did not buy them, either. Who lost a boat? - Lacon Journal
Pshaw! That's nothing. Those fellows from Pontiac will take anything – except water.

February 25, 1893

P. C. James lately purchased of the Milbourn Stock Farm a fine two year old trotting stallion.

March 11, 1893 The street commissioner has had a force of men along Main street this week applying muscular applications of sledge hammers to the spikes which stood out along the pavement like the finger pieces on a typewriter. Now if the mayor could only suggest some kind of an application that would remove those innumerable knotty tremors with which our walks are obstructed, there would be some chance to distinguish between the "land lubber" and the rolling gait of the sea faring man. As it is now you can't tell whether the deacon in your church is full or not, as he rolls from one side of the walk to the other.

March 25, 1893 Eoworth League Social

April 1, 1893 Colored shoes and slippers at Walton's
Churchill-McDowell wedding

April 15, 1893 Mrs. John Virgin fell on the ice. Dr. Lewis attended.

April 22, 1893 Hired girls are scarce.

Powell-Dominy wedding. The groom is the junior member of the real estate and loan firm of Dominy and Powell.

April 29, 1893

The Fairbury House is now known as the Thomas House. It has been thoroughly overhauled.

Fairbury needs to be cleaned up. The Blade calls for action on the part of the Board of Health.

Walton's had a paint color chart in colors in this issue. (The only one and glued on)

May 13, 1893 A franchise has been granted for an electric street railway in Fairbury on some street leading North from Locust St.

Oscar Filley of Nebraska is visiting relatives.

Miss Ruth Filley has gone to the Columbian Exposition.

May 20, 1893 Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Powell have returned from their wedding tour.

Another Alex Milne child has died.

June 3, 1893

The German Apostolic Church is almost done.

June 10, 1893 John Virgin is to cut the big drain from Chicago to the Illinois River. It will take two years to complete and cost a million dollars.

Music pupils are wanted for the violin or cornet. – Robert Roberts

June 17, 1893 "Brydia, the windbag of the Record of Fairbury."

W. R. Bane has a steam fan running in his restaurant during the hot weather.

Dr. Beach of Columbus, Ohio, is a guest of T.A. Beach.

June 24, 1893 Will Mundt born

(Carter was a poor editor, but at least he wrote his own stuff instead of having all this exchange material.)

July 1, 1893 A colored camp meeting held at Pontiac Fair Ground for ten days.

Will Bane's new home is almost completed, and the odd though handsome, style of the structure attracts a good deal of attention.

July 8, 1893 Johnny McDowell's hand was shot off by a cannon cracker. Two of the fingers were blown 200 feet. He was standing in front of the bank and two of the fingers were blown across the railroad tracks.

Dr. Lewis returned Thursday from a trip through Iowa where he went to look after his real estate interests. While there he purchased a quarter section of land. The doctor now has 240 acres near Creston. He reports the crop prospects are excellent.

July 15, 1893 The deed for Marsh Park was made out in 1859. Nothing was ever done to it, and it was just allowed to grow up in weeds. Finally Marsh put a fence around it. A month ago the citizens circulated a petition to make it into a park, and John L. Marsh, Jr. told them that he had possession, and would stand a law suit before he gave it up.

Cement walks are to be laid on the south side of Elm St. from Dr. Brewers west to J.D. Weaver's. The expense is to be borne by the property owners.

The W.C.T.U. is to meet with Mrs. G. C. Lewis. Lucy Page Gaston is to be with them.

Ad: Allen and Marsh, real estate.

Dr. Sam Barnes's office over Wades' drug store.

Dr. J.W. Whitmire, specialist in chronic diseases of woman and children.

Wade and Merit's addition to Fairbury has several new residences going up.

Wayne Mitten born.

Dr. E.C. Lewis and family of Tuscarora Co., Ohio, spent several days here this week and last, visiting his brothers Dr. G.C. and Mr. J.E. Lewis. The Doctor and his family had just returned from several weeks sight seeing at the World's Fair.

July 22, 1893 W.G. McDowell and wife, of Washington, DC , are visiting relatives and friends here this week.

They had a prize fight near Claudon's corn cribs, with boys about 15 years old. They went seven rounds, and then some humane citizen interfered.

The new German Apostolic Church has been finished. On the first floor are the dining room, kitchen, pantry, and school room. The second floor has the church room, 40 x 60 with a side room. The woodwork is hard pine, oil finished, with plain walls. It is steam heated and electric lighted, and has city water. John Steidinger, the principal preacher in charge, delivered the sermon.

July 29, 1893 Miss Lucy Page Gaston, president of the ninth district, met with the Fairbury White Ribboners last Friday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. Ella Lewis.

A Colored camp meeting is being held at the Fair Grounds for some days.

("Suicided Coloquially" used as a verb instead of the phrase "committed suicide".)

August 5, 1893 Dr. Lewis called to cauterize a dog bite wound.

August 19, 1893 Dr Lewis 3 ob., and an arm amputation at Forrest.

Mrs. Ella Lewis was on the program for the annual convention of the W.C.T.U.

Ad: Lincoln J. Carter's Great Scenic Production. THE FAST MAIL at the Fairbury Opera House, Wednesday evening, August 23, 1893. Ten sets of special scenery. Flight of the fast mail. Niagra falls by moonlight, with boiling mist. Practical working engine and 14 freight cars with illuminated caboose. The Dago Dive. Realistic River scene and steamboat explosion, and 100 other startling effects. Reserved seat sale now open at Wade's Drug Store.

September 2, 1893 Baseball stuff on first page, with drawings. (Woodcuts)

Rosamond is running at Washington Park. P.C. James.

Bethard's store.

September 9, 1893 Logan Kring and Manie Gregg married.

Charles Maunder is bookkeeper for C.L. Perlee.

A burro brigade is being organized for the town youngsters.

Dr. Lewis, twins to Mr. and Mrs. James Guthrie.

Mrs. Mollie Denarske is 24 years old.

September 16, 1893

Miss Wilda Lewis of Millersburg, Ohio is visiting the family of Dr. Lewis this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Filley of Filley, Nebraska, are here for a short visit with Fairbury relatives.

Percy James experienced quite a lively time with one of his horses the first of the week on Main Street near Babcock's livery barn. The horse came out of the wreck unhurt, but the buggy looked as though it might have been in one of those cyclones that used to pass "near here".

Frank Joda is opening a new tailor shop.

September 23, 1893 Harriet Fogle born.

September 30, 1893 Mr. and Mrs. A.F. Filley and daughter, Miss Ruth, were in Chicago attending the fair.

October 1893 People are donating books to the Public School library.

The two year old son of J.E. Masterson was kicked in the face by a mule and nearly killed. Dr. Lewis fixed him up.

One of Them

Mr. T.A. Beach this week received a notice advising him that he had been appointed one of the advisory council of the World's Fair Council of Farm and Cereal Industries, which meets in Chicago on the 16th.

October 14, 1893 A.B. Claudon's Bank is ready for business.

The young business men of the town are forming a club.

Vann Essa McDowell is 4 years old.

October 21, 1893 A Chicago firm is papering the J.E. Lewis house.

October 28, 1893 A new firm of Codlin Bros. have bought the livery business of Coan & Son.

November 4, 1893 D.A. Fraley is leaving the Blade. It has been sold to Shankland and Rice of Watseka.

Halloween: "To the small boy it is a pleasure to see the head of the house go out in the gray dawn of the following morn and discover his coal house and other property in some neighbor's yard several blocks away. To the grown up person, the custom is a vicious one, but it was inaugurated by our forefathers, and, in respect to their memory, we say, Let'er go!"

The Electric Railroad plans have been discontinued.

The Presbyterian Church is to give a chrysanthemum show and supper.

Plympton's East End Emporium.

November 11, 1893 The water tower is being straightened and strengthened.

Misses Rosamond and Leona James entertained a dozen of their little friends last Saturday afternoon, it being Rosamond's sixth birthday.

December 16, 1893 Fair Stockholders Meeting. President T.A. Beach, Vice President Hugh Robinson, Treas. L.B. Dominy, Sec. J.V. McDowell, Directors, Ben Cumpston, E.W. Mahoney, Grant McDowell, J.W. McDowell, S.M. Barnes, O.F. Avery, John Zimmerman.

Stanley Perlee is opening a branch office in Chicago.

December 23, 1893 The library reading room is now open. The leading dailies are on the tables, there is a good fire and plenty of comfortable seats. Everybody is welcome. The attendance thus far has exceeded expectations.

The Blade wants a school football team organized.

December 30, 1893 The M.E. Church Xmas program drew an enormous crowd. Logan Kring was St. Nick. Lilly Churchill was at the organ. Tommy Lewis was on the program.

Nick Claudon, the old father, died of old age. His wife died in 1880. There were eight children, six surviving. Joseph lives in Flanagan. Peter is at Meadows, Nicholas and A.B. are in Fairbury, Mrs. Mary King is also of Flanagan, and Mrs. Barbara Sommer is of Belle Flower.